

Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of November 10, 2003, wherein the Examiner allowed claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 10-20, rejected claim 8, and objected to claims 3, 4 and 9.

The Examiner objected to the Abstract for being too long. Applicants have amended the Abstract above which should overcome this objection.

The Examiner next objected to claims 3 and 4 because of a grammatical informality. Applicants have amended claim 3 which should overcome the objection to claims 3 and 4.

The Examiner next rejected claim 8 as being anticipated by *Lord*, U.S. Patent 2,468,602. Applicants have amended claim 8 to describe the "boom arms extending in parallel from said loader bucket rearward and at a substantially midway position being angled inwardly toward each other continuously from said midway position to said base ends." *Lord* on the other hand shows boom arms which extend rearward in parallel to a position where they are offset inwardly toward each other, but which then extend *parallel* to their base ends which are connected to the respective towers 24. *Lord* does not show boom arms which are angled inwardly toward each other *continuously* from a midway position to their base ends. Applicants' inventive configuration of boom arms increase visibility for the operator.

Applicants submit that the rejection under 35 USC 102 has been overcome and request withdrawal of this rejection.

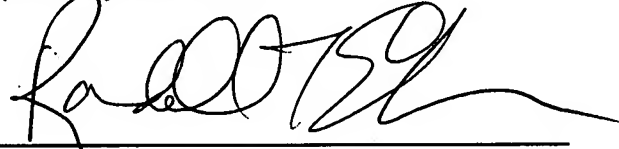
The Examiner next indicated the allowance of claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 10-20. Applicants acknowledge this allowance with appreciation.

The Examiner indicated that claims 3 and 4 would be allowable if the objection to claim 3 was overcome. Applicants submit that claims 3 and 4, as amended, should now be allowable.

The Examiner next objected to claim 9, but indicated that claim 9 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim 8. Applicants have complied with the Examiner's instructions and as such claim 9 should be in condition for allowance.

Applicants assert that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

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